

IPS Officers facing prosecution for Anti-Terrorism Operations in Punjab

1114. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of IPS officers and other police officials facing prosecutions for anti-terrorism operations in Punjab;

(b) how many of these officials are on bail and those detained with their ranks and since when in jail; and

(c) what is the stage of their cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) According to information available with us, 5 officers belonging to the Indian Police Service and 450 other police personnel are facing proceedings on account of anti-terrorist operations in Punjab. Law and Order being a State subject, the details regarding the number of Punjab Police Officers who are on bail and in jail as also the details regarding the stages of their cases are not maintained with the Central Government.

Major proposals of Government regarding internal security

1115. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are responses of the various State Governments to the major proposals of the Central Government regarding internal security;

(b) what steps are being contemplated by Government in* the light of recommendations of Subhranian Committee; and

(c) whether any proposal for modernization of police administration and other agencies has been agreed upon by the Central as well as the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) A Group of Ministers was set up in April 2000 to review the

national security system in its entirety, and in particular, to consider the recommendations of Kargil Review Committee and formulate specific proposals for implementation. The Group of Ministers in **their** report submitted in February 2001, have made recommendations on wide ranging issues concerning national security including internal security. The recommendations of the Group of Ministers have been accepted by the Government.

A conference of Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police was convened on 5th October, 2001 followed by a conference of Chief Ministers on 17th November, 2001 to sensitize them regarding various discussions of the internal security scenario and to ensure a coordinated response to internal security issues. States were also requested to act upon such recommendations of the Group of Ministers on internal security, as pertained to them.

All State Governments appreciated the need to tackle terrorism effectively and firmly and there was general consensus on matters related thereto. Most of the Chief Ministers supported the need to have an anti-terrorism law, though some Chief Ministers felt that the Government should have enacted this law after prior consultation with all political parties. It was agreed that this would be discussed with the Opposition Parties, before bringing in a replacement Bill for the Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance.

(c) The Ministry of Home Affairs has been implementing a Non-plan Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in modernizing their police forces. The Scheme provides assistance to the State Governments for purchase of vehicles, equipment for forensic science labs, finger print bureau, police training, communication, light weaponry/crowd control/traffic control/VVIP security and scientific aids to investigation. The State Governments are required to provide an equal amount as matching contribution.

A budget provision of Rs. 1000 crores has been made towards Police Modernization Scheme for the current financial year. A majority of the State Governments have forwarded their proposals for 2001-02.